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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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#18 NOVEMBER 9, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS-POWERED, HEAVY-DUTY SHUTTLE BUSES FOR THE SUNSHINE SHUTTLE SERVICE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approve the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses for the Sunshine Shuttle Service, budgeted at \$440,000 each (\$880,000 total) in the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' request to purchase two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses for the Sunshine Shuttle Service.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent of the County of Los Angeles to proceed with the acquisition of the two compressed natural-gas powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This request is to comply with the County of Los Angeles' (County) equipment policy requiring the Board's approval prior to a department purchasing and/or financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. The Department of Public Works (Public Works) is requesting approval to

purchase two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses for the Sunshine Shuttle Service.

The purpose of the vehicle acquisition is to provide larger vehicles for the Sunshine Shuttle Service to alleviate the current overcrowding. These new shuttle buses will replace two smaller shuttle buses to increase the passenger seating capacity. These shuttle buses will improve transit services for the South Whittier area communities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action enables the County to improve transit services for the public in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of purchasing two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses is approximately \$880,000, of which \$50,000 will be offset by a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District and approximately \$580,000 from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Sufficient funds to cover the remaining \$250,000 to purchase the vehicles are available in the First and Fourth Supervisorial Districts' Proposition A Local Return Transit Programs included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has reviewed and approved the proposed bus acquisition for the Sunshine Shuttle Service as an eligible expenditure of the Proposition A Local Return Transit funds.

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy requiring departments to obtain Board approval prior to purchasing and/or financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. This action conforms with and fulfills the Board's policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(2) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the proposed action does not constitute a project and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. This action provides for a continuing administrative or maintenance activity that will not result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Upon Board approval, the purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to improve transit services for County residents in the unincorporated area of South Whittier.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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